development needs and by adopting a child-friendly approach in the adjudication and disposition of matters in the best interest of children and for their ultimate rehabilitation through various institutions established under this Act.

Under a Centrally sponsored scheme called 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice[1], Ministry of Social Justice provide 50% financial assistance to State Governments and UT Administrations for establishment and maintenance of various levels of institutions for juvenile in conflict with the law and children in need of care and protection.

Modernisation of Central jail in Vidarbha region

1451. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact amendment in the Code of Criminal Procedure to deal with overcrowding of undertrials and defames of State jails;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any request for construction, upgradation and maintenance of Central jail in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount sanctioned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 introduced in the Rajya Sabha on May 9,1994 proposes to:-

(i) amend section 436(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for a mandatory provision that Court shall release an arrested person on execution of a bond without sureties if he is an indigent and cannot furnish surety; and

(ii) insert a new section 436A in the Code to provide that an undertrial prisoner, other than the one accused of an offence for which death has been prescribed as one 6f the punishments, should be released on his personal bond, with or without sureties, if he has been

under detention for a period extending to one-half of the maximum period of imprisonment provided for the alleged offence.

The Bill also provides that in no case will an undertrial prisoner be detained beyond the maximum period of imprisonment for which he can be convicted for the alleged offence.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Government of Maharashtra have recently forwarded to the Government Five Years' perspective plan for construction of new prisons, extension and renovation of existing prisons, construction of staff quarters and water supply and sanitation arrangements in the State including Vidarbha region. The tentative allocation of funds for Maharashtra including the State share of 25% for five years is Rs. 129.26 crore and for the current year Rs. 25.83 crore. No amount has been sanctioned so far.

Proposed amendment in Code of Criminal Procedure

†1452. SHRIKRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend Code of Criminal Procedure to provide for special courts for hearing the cases against culprit politicians on day-to-day basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the final decision will be taken on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Draft Bill for Statehood to Delhi

1453. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Delhi has drafted the Statehood Bill and sent it to the Union Government for approval and presentation in Parliament;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.